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Ms. Alexis Strauss, Director (WTR-1) Water Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 9 75 Hawthorne Street San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Ms. Strauss:

AMENDMENT TO THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COAST REGION REMOVING A NUMERIC WATER QUALITY OBJECTIVE FOR THE SAN LORENZO RIVER

Pursuant to federal Clean Water Act section 303, we are submitting for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's approval an amendment to the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for the Central Coast Region removing a numeric nitrate objective for the San Lorenzo River. This amendment was adopted by the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) on June 2, 2000 under RWQCB Resolution No. 00-001. The Basin Plan amendment was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) on November 15, 2001 under SWRCB Resolution No. 2001-125. The amendment was approved by the California Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on February 13, 2002. Enclosed is a copy of OAL's letter of approval.

The administrative record for the adoption and approval of this Basin Plan amendment, consisting of one box of material, is being sent separately to Gary Wolinsky of your agency.

We look forward to receiving your approval of this Basin Plan amendment. If you have any questions on this subject, you may contact me at (916) 341-5458 (email: marts@swrcb.ca.gov). You may also contact Ling Tseng, Division of Water Quality, at (916) 341-5558 (tsenl@swrcb.ca.gov) who is the lead staff on this matter, or Paul Lillebo, Chief of the Basin Planning Unit, at (916) 341-5551 (lillp@swrcb.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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